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Students misusing suds to stay slim



Drunkorexia. | Pacer Illustration/Joey Plunk

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There's a new trend among college students that blends dieting and drinking called Drunkorexia.

The term Drunkorexia refers to people who restrain from eating meals to avoid calories to make room for alcohol calories. It is mostly common amongst female college students, ages 18-23, however a few males have jumped on board as well.

This disease has resulted from students wanting to maintain their small body frames, and avoid falling into the typical college bad eating habits and dealing with things like Freshmen 15. It's also suggested that it's the perfect way to feel the alcohol quicker.

While students are thinking of this as a diet plan, many health physicians have referred to Drunkorexia as an eating disorder and alcohol abuse in one, and describe it as being very dangerous to young adults.

There are many risks involved with Drunkorexia, that include but are not limited to, not getting the proper amount of nutrients needed to be able to function, getting drunker faster and not being able to control your actions, and the next morning feeling terrible, not knowing what happened.

In fact "Drunkorexics", tend to not have a problem with vomiting at the end of the night, because it's a way to rid the calories from drinking.

After sitting in the Boling University Center on the UTM campus, it was discovered that only a hand few of students

knew what Drunkorexia was. Most students have never heard of this condition nor do they know anyone personally that does this.

"I never thought of that before. (Laughs) I mean, it seems crazy because I've always thought people would eat before drinking to avoid the hangover," said senior Computer Science major Domonix Gibson.

Students did say, however, that they were not shocked that this was going on.

"It's always a lot of pressure to stay small for women or buff for guys. Media advertisement will always have an effect of how we see ourselves and how we live our life and I don't think it's nothing we can do to prevent it," said sophomore Education major Keyana Parrish.

While the trend probably hasn't hit the Martin campus yet, there have been many studies that show this is not just a myth, but also a fact that students are taking several health risks and participating in this new odd form of dieting. The numbers have increased to 20-30 percent in females and 10 percent in males in the last 8 months and studies show 16 percent do it on a regular basis.

It's now starting to be a question to many if the act actually even works. It has always been said to lose weight you avoid many drinks, including alcohol.

An article written by the Los Angeles Times further explains these young adults' idea of

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Several fraternities across U.S. required to become co-educational

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Across the United States, some universities and colleges are mandating that fraternities stationed on campus will have to become co-educational within the next few years.

Wesleyan University in

Connecticut recently announced that its fraternities must open its doors to women within the next three years or be removed from campus, according to the Wall Street Journal. The change comes after students put pressure on school administrators to take a firmer stance in opposition to sexual assault. The new mandate will affect two fraternities on

Wesleyan's campus, as well as a potential third.

"Wesleyan's board of trustees asked President Michael S. Roth in May to 'prepare a plan to address the future of Greek life' after 'highly publicized incidents of sexual violence,'" said CNN's Sarah LeTrent. "In a March 2014 lawsuit against Wesleyan's Xi Chapter of Psi Upsilon, a

then-freshman student alleged she was raped in front of onlookers at the fraternity's on-campus residence."

Wesleyan is not the only school to require co-educational fraternities. Trinity College, also in Connecticut, required its fraternities to admit female students beginning in 2012. Middlebury College in Vermont

mandated co-ed fraternities in the early 1990s as a precursor to turning them into 'social houses'. In addition, many schools, including Columbia University in Manhattan, offer fraternity-like coed social clubs.

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EDITORIAL

Men get involved with 'HeforShe'

It is a common misconception in today's world that feminism is the belief that women are superior to men. In reality, feminism is the belief that men and women should be treated as equals in every aspect.

Recently, Emma Watson, of Harry Potter fame and UN Goodwill Ambassador, spoke at the United Nations to launch a new campaign for gender equality around the world called "HeForShe."

In her speech, Watson referenced a speech Hillary Clinton made in Beijing about women's rights in 1995. "Sadly many of the things she [Clinton] wanted to change are still a reality today. But what stood out for me was that only 30 percent of her audience were male. How can we affect change in the world when only half of it is invited or feel welcome to participate in the conversation?"

While there are many men who are advocates for feminism, many more feel uncomfortable with the movement because of various gender stereotypes and because they don't feel welcome to participate. Like any other issue, we at The Pacer believe that gender equality requires both sides to work together in order for society to improve.

Men should feel just as welcome to participate as women.

"Gender equality is your [males] issue too. Because to date, I've seen my father's role as a parent being valued less by society despite my needing his presence as a child as much as my mother's. Men suffer illness unable to fear it would be "macho" – in fact in the UK suicide is the biggest killer of men between 20-49 years of age; eclipsing road accidents, cancer and coronary heart disease. I've seen men made fragile and insecure by a distorted sense of what constitutes male success. Men don't have the benefits of equality either," Watson states. "If we stop defining each other by what we are not and start defining each other by what we are – we can all be freer and this is what HeForShe is about. It's about freedom."

Many men think of the word feminism, and to them it

sounds like nails running across a chalkboard. Feminism is a term that, like many others, over time has been misconstrued and misinterpreted into the same meaning as misogyny. This is a common misconception that many males have made, and still of us males on the Pacer didn't stand until March for this very editorial.

By Meriam-Webster definition, Feminism is the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities; the theory of the political, economic and social equality of the sexes. Misandry, on the other hand, by Meriam-Webster definition, is the hatred of men or boys. To a portion of males, misandry and feminism are synonymous. That is not the case at all. Feminism has nothing to do with the hatred of the Y-chromosome.

Feminism isn't about women having more rights, or control than men. It's about both sides,



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The do's and don'ts of studying

Sam Curtis

Guest Writer

It's the middle of the semester, and that means many of us have found ourselves waist deep in quizzes and tests.

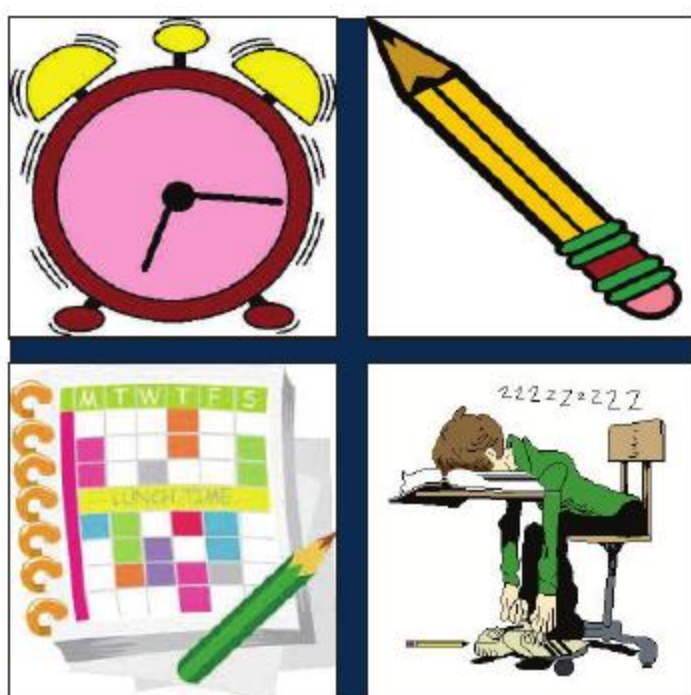
Whether this is your first year in college or you are a returning student, improvements can always be made to your study habits. The following is a list of tips that will help you become a better and more efficient student:

Do set goals for yourself as a student that are realistic and obtainable.

Do buy a planner that will help you keep up with your assignments and dates of tests. There are numerous things going on in college that can grab your attention away from your studies. Planners can help you keep up and remember assignments that might otherwise elude you.

Don't procrastinate! This is one of the worst habits developed by college students.

"My advice would be to not try and eat an elephant all in one bite. You must do it piece by piece and that is how you should approach studying," said Dr. George Daniel, coordinator of Student Affairs.



Do develop a routine for your studying. Whether it is every other day or an hour each and every day. This will help you to retain the information, instead of cramming.

Don't make skipping class a constant. Everyone skips class, but make sure it doesn't become a habit.

Do attend review sessions or SI (Supplemental Instructor)

sessions. They can be very valuable to you. A lot of the time professors will supply the SI with information about the upcoming test.

Don't study the same way as your friends. Sure, some of your friends might have really good studying techniques, but what works for them might not work for you. You need to figure out whatever way you retain

information best and stick with that.

Don't be afraid to ask questions in class or to seek help from your professors during their scheduled office hours. Most of the time they will be more than willing to help you.

Do find a way to balance your schoolwork and your social life. The best college students are the ones that excel in the classroom and outside of the classroom.

Don't make it a habit to turn in work late. For most classes, late work carries a very steep penalty on your grade. Sometimes late work isn't even accepted.

These tips will help you to be a more well rounded student, as well as help you to not feel the immense amount of anxiety that naturally comes with being a college student. Balancing a productive student life with a proper social life is attainable, if you plan accordingly.

For more helpful tips on good study habits read Dr. Randall S. Hansen's article College Study Do's and Don'ts: Tips for Thriving in College at MyCollegeSuccessStory.com. about studying habits in college, there are many Do's and Don'ts of studying.

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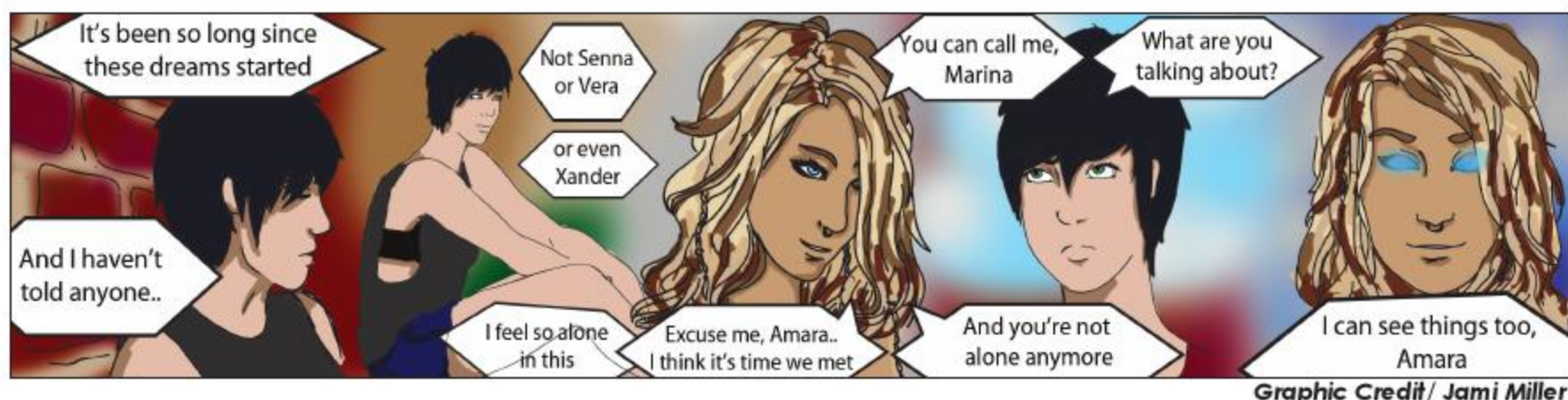
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Law enforcement becoming more militarized in response to civil unrest

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Weapons such as M-16s, grenade launchers and armored vehicles are common on the war front in Iraq and Afghanistan, but within the past decade local police have been acquiring military equipment that has everyday use on the front lines of war.

For example, the University of Central Florida obtained 23 M-16s and a modified grenade launcher as a part of the federal 1033 program, which provides free and discount military equipment to local law enforcement. UCF is home to over 60,000 students and a Division 1 football team, but does that make the militarization of campus police a necessary action in order to protect students and handle crowd control issues at large events?

Over 124 campuses across the nation have participated in this program in the last decade, and more are expected to join in the next few years.

Some purchases are merely of uniforms, but others have included mine-



resistant ambush protected vehicles, which could make many campus student and community citizens very wary of law enforcement agents.

Many universities which

participate in this program defend their decision by referencing tragedies such as the 2007 Virginia Tech Massacre, where 32 students and professors were gunned

down in the deadliest campus shooting in U.S. history, as well as the Sandy Hook incident in 2012, where a gunman walked into an elementary school and killed 20 young children and 6 instructors. Both of these tragedies strike a chord in most people's hearts when it comes to campus and school safety, and as more and more school shootings are brought to light, some feel that the militarization of police is a necessary act to protect them from the craziness of the world where they live.

Despite the feeling of safety that ostensibly comes from knowing that the local law enforcement agencies are well-armed, however, many others feel that local authorities will abuse their newly acquired military equipment, e.g. by using excessive force to handle situations such as protests and demonstrations.

The federal 1033 program is officially supported by the Pentagon and the Department of Defense, and has issued grants to each state for law enforcement to receive discount and free military supplies for under budgeted

law enforcement agencies. The supplies usually include tactical vests, uniforms, and first aid supplies, although there have been a number of cases where universities and municipalities have purchased large quantities of high caliber ammunition, semi-automatic firearms, and various crowd control gases.

Laws are supposedly in place to ensure that participants do not abuse the use of their newly acquired equipment. As the world becomes an exceedingly more dangerous place to live with threats from terrorist groups such as ISIS, however, the lines between excessive force and precautionary actions are becoming blurred. Americans must understand that the world is changing more now that it did in the previous century, with new technologies and governments. People must determine for themselves whether they are willing to acknowledge the fact that law enforcement agencies are preparing to protect both their country and citizens from international and domestic enemies who threaten to disrupt the peace and liberty of America.

Drunkorexia

from Cover

trading or swamping food calories for alcohol calories is not effective. All calories are not equal so instead of losing weight, Drunkorexics are more likely to just add other problems to their lives.

Whether this practice works or not it can be very dangerous and health experts are trying to think of ways to stop young adults before it's too late, but how to stop it has not been discovered.

There's no medical prescription to give to those who are having a problem or know someone

who's having a problem with Drunkorexia it has been recommended to find other alternatives to staying small and having fun. Regular visits to the gym, choose drinks at the bar wisely (some alcohol beverages and beers have more calories than others) and seek help.

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News

Black Ivy Coalition promotes racial equality

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Image Credit/ Black Ivy Coalition

Matt Bodkins and Justin Glover

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Black student leaders at several universities across the United States have formed the Black Ivy Coalition, a multi-university group dedicated to advocacy for racial inequality.

Formed on September 22, the group's main goal is to promote awareness of racial tensions and inequality in the wake of recent events in Ferguson, Missouri. The group was created by Black students at each of the eight Ivy League universities.

"It is now time for our generation to lead the movement against injustices toward people of color in the 21st century," the group said in a statement released upon their conception.

University of Pennsylvania senior and UMOJA co-chair Denzel Cummings says that the group began as a series of informal discussions among black Ivy League students online.

"It was us having conversations about 'what are you doing on your campus,'" Cummings said in an interview with University of Pennsylvania student newspaper, The Daily Pennsylvanian. "And then it evolved into a conversation of 'what we can do together,' and then it evolved into what we have now: ...a physical, tangible thing."

The Black Ivy Coalition is currently composed of 16 students across the Ivy League. The group plans to eventually open membership to students from other colleges as well.

In its initial statement, the Coalition discussed the divide that they claim still exists among multiple racial groups, most notably that between whites and blacks.

"The United States prides itself in its citizens' ability to gather in peaceful assembly without police harassment and intimidation; to expect equal justice and due process free from discrimination based on gender, race, class, or any other distinction," the group said. "The events in Ferguson highlight that as people of color, we are not

guaranteed the protection of our civil rights—that somehow this country still does not consider us full-fledged citizens."

Cummings believes that one of the key components of past civil rights movements has been abundant collegiate advocacy.

"We felt [creating the group] was important in creating a revival of collegiate advocacy that was so beneficial to movements like the civil rights movement with the involvement of groups like the SNCC [Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee] and the Greensboro Four," said Cummings in an email to The Pacer.

The Black Ivy Coalition hopes to encourage students of all kinds to become actively involved in the movement.

"Though there is no clear path to a solution, each one of us is equipped with our talents and experiences," the group said. "Do not become caught up in superficial ideas of leadership or feel that your background does not qualify you to act. Whether grand or small, what matters most is that you do something."

Cellular 911 systems experience brief disruption; alternative emergency numbers

Danielle Webber

Staff Writer

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency sent out a media release Sept. 25, 2014 after much of West Tennessee experienced disruptions to cellular 9-1-1 systems.

These wireless emergency alerts were for anyone living or driving through West Tennessee. The media release alternative phone numbers

were sent via text message to all cellular devices, giving people a way to reach a local 9-1-1 center. The troubles pertaining to the cellular phone calls being dropped was thought to be caused by the recent amount of rain received in the area.

The problem seems to be mostly AT&T cell phones users, and AT&T is working on this problem. Some people were in panic due to the speculation that ISIS might attack the U.S.

on 9/11 or close to that date. On the other hand, people were also confused by the random emergency text message with an alternative 9-1-1 number.

TEMA also sent an alert to the affected in the counties that stated, "In an emergency in [County Name], call [10-digit number for that county] or use a landline to call 911."

Such information also made local news. Several stations covered the event, and ensured

that AT&T and emergency crews were doing what they could to get this problem solved.

For anyone who missed the emergency alert, or simply forgot to put the number in their phone, while attending the University of Tennessee at Martin, or for those who live in Weakley County, that number is (731) 364-5454. For anyone whose hometown or traveling through different parts of West Tennessee, we have provided

you with a list of emergency contact number for those areas.

Though AT&T are said to be the only cellular company affected, all others may want to pay attention to these numbers just in case you experience the same mishap when trying to call in your emergency 9-1-1 calls.

The list of affected counties and their 10-digit phone numbers are shown in the graphic below.

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SGA supports retirement of 'S' and 'U' grades

Amber Sherman

Staff Writer

As controversy continues over the use of S and U in midterm marks alongside more traditional letter grades, the Student Government Association has begun to lobby to standardize all grades to an A+ - F rubric.

As the release of midterm grades are approaching, many students will find themselves attempting to discern what exactly an S or U is,

what it means and whether their college career will continue.

For freshman students, who often associate the S/U rubric with the conduct grades on their high school report cards, seeing these letter grades next to their college courses may be somewhat confusing at first. Currently, the official letter grades equivalent to S (meaning satisfactory) are A+, A, B+, B, and C+, while the letter grades corresponding to a U (meaning unsatisfactory) are C-, D+, D, and F. "When some people get their

mid-term grades back and they have five S's or four U's, it's not a good indicator of where they're standing in the class, and it's very difficult to know whether you should drop that class or not when all you have is an S," said SGA President John Domanski.

Changing the rubrics is not a quick process, it takes lots of work and has to go through many people.

The issue was brought before the Academic Affairs Committee last year by several students who were displeased with the situation. They

requested a more accurate indicator of their class standing, believing that their work throughout the semester warranted a clear update on their status.

The Academic Affairs Committee then forwarded the request to the Committee of Instruction by the Senate for the Faculty. From there, the committee replied to SGA, saying they needed a more concrete direction than the one provided by the complainants.

The proposal is currently being rewritten to be more direct and

concrete, in accordance with the committee's requirements. For the time being, however, the current scale remains in place.

"I'm here to represent the entire student [body]," said Domanski. "So if a good enough percentage of students come to me and say they want something changed, I'm going to go after it. Last year when we brought it up in Senate every single senator, who represent each college on campus said they wanted it changed."

News



Saudi Club President Ali Mohammed Alqallaf addresses the audience. | **Pacer Photo/Kali Hill**



Many UTM students, faculty and staff were in attendance on September 23. | **Pacer Photo/Kali Hill**

Saudi National Day offers international students chance to reconnect

Kali Hill

Staff Writer

Saudi Arabia celebrated its independence on September 23, and some UTM students joined in the festivities in their own way.

Even thousands of miles away, several international students at UTM celebrated their country's National Day. During the week prior to and surrounding the event, many Saudi Arabian

students celebrated their country's independence by gathering together outside of the University Center, encouraging people to become more familiar with their countries beliefs and lifestyle.

National Saudi Day is the anniversary of King Abdul-Aziz's declaration of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as a monarchy.

The most significant portion of the week's

ceremonies happened on September 23 in the University Center Ballroom. UTM students and faculty presented several speeches and video presentations on the topic of Saudi Arabia. The ceremony served not only as a celebration of national pride, but also as a sort of farewell celebration for departing foreign exchange students.

The Saudi Arabian culture considers education to be

a virtue. King Abdullah, the current monarch of the country and the son of Abdul-Aziz, has aided in the development of education within the country by creating universities and scholarship programs for students who choose to attend universities, as is greatly encouraged in their country.

"Education is the best gift anyone can give you," said UTM finance professor

Mahmoud Haddad.

Saudi Day serves as a way for Saudi students to reconnect with their homeland, which serves as a strong link between their country and the United States. Not only is this national day celebrated in another country across the world, but it also is celebrated here in the United States at UTM.

UTM hosts National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition

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Staff Writer

The UTM Music Department hosted the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Competition last Thursday through Saturday in the Fine Arts Building.

The competition featured a number of UTM students, as well as student representatives of other universities across the state.

The event lasted three days, beginning with Thursday night, when all the performers arrived from a variety of universities. Some students came from nearby Union University, while others came from as far as Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Friday saw the students participate in informative music Masterclasses with Thomas Jaber, Professor of Vocal Coaching and Director of Choral Activities at Rice University, as well as other professors.

The actual first round of auditions for NATS took place Saturday morning, with

the final round of auditions being in the afternoon. Mrs. Delana Easley accompanied several students from UT Martin. Of particular note was J.J. Norman, who, despite not participating in the competition, played a huge role in making sure the schedule ran smoothly for this entire event.

Brittney Meskimen, a competitor in this year's Junior Women's Division, shared her experience after the event.

"It was truly great to see such a huge turnout for each category," said Meskimen. "I'm so proud of all the singers from Dr. Yeung and Dr. Mancusi's studio that represented our school so well. It wasn't just a one-man effort. Everyone in this department, from the faculty to the students, stepped up and came together to make this an unforgettable experience."

By the end of the NATS 2014 Competition, there were winners from many different schools. These students put an immense amount of effort into these

auditions for the chance of winning and the satisfaction and glory that comes with it. It didn't matter to them who won because from what was happening all around was everybody making connections with each other and supporting one another.

These students sacrificed hours and hours out of the past few weeks for this competition.

The music department had a blast hosting this large event and couldn't be more proud of how all the students, performers and non-performers, worked hard to make this a great weekend for everyone involved.

Although UTM was unsuccessful in the competition, the most important part — building connections and friendships among universities — was easily accomplished.

SAI honors distinguished alumna during musicale

Michael Richardson

Staff Writer

Members of the Epsilon Iota chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota honored their adviser with an American-themed Musicales this past Sunday afternoon.

Chantia Brown and Bridget Huenfield, SAI choir directors at Epsilon Iota chapter, thrilled a crowd of over 100 attendees with a concert filled with a variety of American composed music that entertained a generous range of genres for their audience. The recital's end focus centered around Dr. Elaine Harriss, an accomplished SAI alumna, who accompanied the sisters in their captivating performance on Oct. 5.

The SAI National Music Fraternity donates time, effort, funds and a plethora of talent in order to bring their love of music to the world. The sisters' goal is to cherish, protect and provide outreach projects that initiate the experience of music and respect for the arts.

Harriss serves as one of Epsilon Iota's chapter advisers, and is continually and consistently active with her members. The sisters of SAI say they are sincerely grateful and proud of such an incredibly fundamental woman to the music department and the Martin community as a whole.

To begin the afternoon recital, the Epsilon Iota chapter sang a fun, sisterly canon titled "The Pipes of Pan." The concert contained a series of instrumental solos, a vocal duet, and some small ensemble performances. Senior Katherine Felthausen, 2014-2015 president of Epsilon Iota Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, performed an intricate yet beautiful marimba solo. Bridget Huenfield and Shelby Johnson sang a moving performance of "For Good" from the musical Wicked. The reception to follow was full of various treats to satisfy a large, hungry crowd.

Harriss, a former UTM Music Department chair, was presented a certificate of appreciation for an impressive 50 years of service and dedication to Sigma Alpha Iota National Music Fraternity. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia National Fraternity serenaded her to celebrate her achievements. The Sigma Alpha Iota Fall 2014 Musicales was enjoyable, entertaining, and a wonderful way to honor Harriss.

News

Fraternities from Cover

Several Wesleyan students were pleased with the administration's decision.

"Up until today, the [administrative] response has been inadequate," said Chloe Murtagh, a senior at Wesleyan. "But students are extremely appreciative of action to coed the frats."

Others, however, claim that the issue lies elsewhere.

"Sexual assault and hazing... are problems across the entire community, and not unique to Greek life," said Melody Oliphant, a recent alumna of Wesleyan and a co-founder of the school's lone sorority. "[The decision] is more of a publicity stunt than a step in the right direction."

In a survey issued this year, 61% of Wesleyan students polled

believed that fraternities have "a negative impact" on gender relations. In addition, 56% of those polled said the campus would be improved through coeducational fraternities.

While the idea has taken hold at many colleges nationwide, it may not permeate UTM for some time.

"Because of the exclusive nature of fraternities, and sororities as well, the internal structure would be compromised," said UTM sophomore Jake Hershberger, a Finance and Accounting major and member of Sigma Chi.

"If we initially viewed [a fraternity] as a 'social fraternity' instead, the idea of the co-ed atmosphere is more likely to be accepted."



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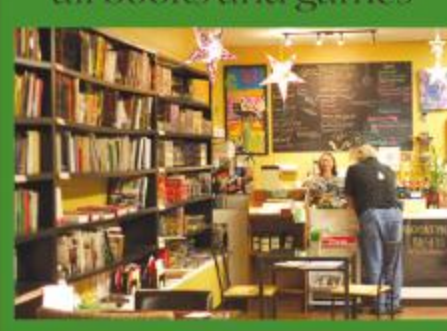

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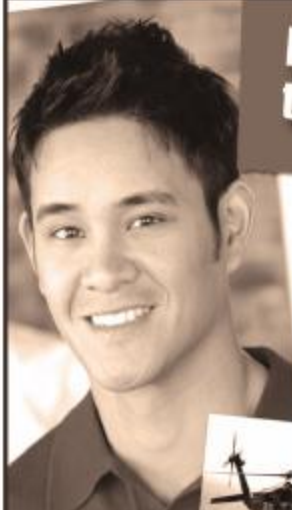


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Freed-Hardeman professor showcased in Art Gallery

Kali Hill
Staff Writer

UTM is committed to advancing the regional and global community through scholarly activities, research and public service, and one of the ways it fulfills that goal is through the university's art gallery, which features periodic special exhibits.

"The gallery is a very important asset to the community at large," said Douglas Cook, chair of Visual and Theatre Arts at UTM. "It provides an opportunity for many local artists to get their art displayed, and occasionally praised for its greatness."

This week's guest solo artist is Professor Brian Bundren from Freed-Hardeman University. Bundren's style includes the use of many earth tone colors, such as brown, red or yellow. This unique palette choice lends Bundren's work a unique perspective. Bundren never uses too many busy colors, instead spreading all of his colors out in a monochromatic and attention-grabbing way without being ostentatious. In addition, Bundren uses distinct and dramatic contrast in the lighting he depicts.

Cook believes that Bundren's work is "extremely revealing and fascinating."

"Bundren exhibits a very introspective nature of work," said Cook. "If you knew Brian and saw his art, you couldn't connect the two."

Bundren's beliefs are reflected through his work, as many of his paintings reference the Bible. In addition, Bundren's work depicts various scenes from his hometown. In one of his pieces, What Lies Beneath, the viewer sees an image of a boy seeming to look under the grass and plains of a



Culture Shock by Brian Bundren
Pacer Photo/Kali Hill

field. The piece has many different meanings depending on the individual, but one can still see the very earthy tones and nature scenes within the image.

The UTM art gallery attracts many people from a wide variety of places. It is certainly a culturally significant experience, and many are always curious to discover the next featured artist.

Left Behind starts slowly, but worth it for fans of series

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Advertising Sales

Nicholas Cage returns to the big screen in his newest film "Left Behind" based on the popular Christian novels of the same name. "Left Behind" is centered around Cage's character, Ray Steele, and his daughter, Chloe Steele, played by Cassi Thompson.

Ray Steele (Cage) is an airline pilot whose family is falling apart seemingly due to his wife's newly found faith in Christianity, which he and his daughter feel is being forced upon them. While Steele is flying to London, half of his passengers vanish into thin air and panic ensues on the flight. Little do they know that these disappearances have happened all over the world, including his wife and son. Because of damage to the plane, Steele and his daughter, Chloe (Thompson), must find a way to contact each other and save the rest of the passengers from certain death.



The movie starts out slowly, with minimal action until halfway through the film. Although it doesn't really pick up until 45 minutes into the film, viewers will be relieved when the action does start to pick up. The moment at which events start to unfold happens suddenly and doesn't slow down much throughout the rest of the film. The sense of mass panic, confusion and chaos that the characters must face definitely gives the audience a dose of excitement and suspense.

Even though the action does somewhat redeem the slow beginning, the casual viewer will have to decide if they enjoyed the movie as much as a fan of the book series, or someone of a Christian background, for the fact that it may seem like it takes so long to get into the action of the film. Overall, it's worth seeing for fans of the series or someone of the Christian faith.

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Sports

No. 8 Gamecocks defeat UTM 38-14

Jared Peckenpaugh
Sports Editor

The Skyhawks dropped their first Ohio Valley Conference road game 38-14 to the No. 8 ranked Jacksonville State Gamecocks.

The loss gives the Skyhawks a 1-5 overall record and 0-3 record in OVC play, the worst start since 2007 when the Skyhawks started the season 0-6.

Jacksonville State (4-1, 2-0 OVC) came into the contest the preseason OVC favorite and proved just that in the game.

"We knew what they were coming in here. They are a deep and talented playoff football team so we give them credit," said UTM head coach, Jason Simpson.

Despite not taking a snap last week against Southeast Missouri, Dylan Favre started the game for the Skyhawks at quarterback. UTM got the ball first to start the game and quickly punted the ball back after going three-and-out. The Gamecocks were able to march down the field on their next drive and get on the board first after a 26-yard touchdown pass from Eli Jenkins to Markis Merrill.

Neither team were able to find the end zone until the beginning of the second quarter when they Gamecocks scored another touchdown, this time a 34-yard pass from Max Shortell to Ruben Gonzalez. After a 2-yard touchdown run from Miles Jones on the next JSU drive, the Gamecocks extended

their lead to 21-0 halfway through the second quarter. After a positive but stalled drive by the Skyhawks, UTM was forced to punt the football back. On the next play, defensive lineman Ryan Isom stripped the ball from JSU running back Troymaine Pope and UTM linebacker Tony Bell was able to pick up the fumble and run it 24-yards for a touchdown.

The score remained 21-7 through halftime and the entire third quarter. Quarterback Jarod Neal replaced Favre at the 6:20 mark in the third quarter, but like Favre, was unable to gather any momentum on offense.

Jacksonville State was able to break up the scoring drought in the fourth quarter when Jenkins hit Bo Brummel for a 12-yard touchdown pass. Neal threw an interception on the next play and the Gamecocks took advantage, tacking on three points with a 31-yard field goal.

It wasn't until the 3:58 mark when the Skyhawks scored their first and only offensive touchdown, a 2-yard rush from Trent Garland. The Gamecocks were able to close the game late in the fourth quarter by recovering a UTM fumble and scoring a 3-yard rushing touchdown by Pope on the next play, sealing a 38-14 win.

The Skyhawks collected 216-yards of total offense while the Gamecocks had 497-yards of total offense. Coach Simpson mentioned the disappointment he had in the offensive performance.

"Very disappointing performance offensively," said

Simpson in his post game press conference. "It's the first time this year I feel like we've really laid an egg."

The Skyhawks played all three of their quarterbacks, racking up a total of 93-yards passing with zero touchdowns and two interceptions, one by Neal and the other by Manny Stocker. Despite not getting the start and playing part of the second half, Neal led the Skyhawks passing, completing six out of 13 passes for 63-yards. Jenkins and Shortell led the Gamecocks passing attack, completing 19 out of 29 passes for 213-yards and three touchdowns.

Trent Garland led the rushing attack for the Skyhawks, running the ball three times for 39-yards and a touchdown. Miles Jones led the Gamecocks' running game, carrying it 24 times for 152-yards and a touchdown.

Coach Simpson also spoke praises about the defense in the game.

"Proud of our defense. I thought even though it was 30-something points you can't put that all on our defense. I thought they played hard," said Simpson.

The Skyhawks did see some positive in their performance when punter James Satterfield broke the school's single game punting record with 487-yards.

The Skyhawks will have another short week to prepare before they host the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles on Thursday night. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. from Hardy Graham Stadium.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Volleyball

6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 – at Morehead State
1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 – at Eastern Kentucky
7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 – Eastern Illinois
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 – SIU Edwardsville

Football

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 – Tennessee Tech
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 – at Tennessee State

Equestrian

Friday, Oct. 17 – at New Mexico State
Friday, Oct. 17 – Fresno State (at New Mexico State)

Cross-Country

3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 – at Chattanooga
Front Runner Invite

Women's Soccer

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 – Eastern Kentucky
1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 – Morehead State
1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 – at Eastern Illinois

Golf

Sunday, Oct. 19 – Austin Peay Intercollegiate

Women's Tennis

ITA Regionals at Knoxville, Tennessee
Thursday, Oct. 16 – Sunday, Oct. 19

The Pacer Athlete of the Week

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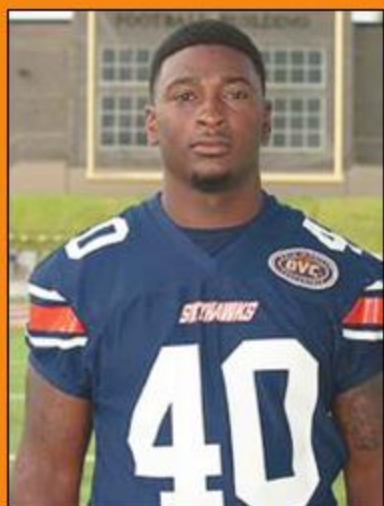


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Senior
Position: linebacker
Hometown: Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Health and Human Performance

- Recorded team high 11 total tackles against SEMO
- Had seven tackles against JSU including one sack
- Recovered fumble for a 24-yard touchdown against JSU

Intramurals

Inner-Tube Water Polo

Registration Deadline – Noon Friday, Oct. 17

Captain's Meeting – 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16

Cost per entry: \$30

Divisions: Men, Women, Co-Rec

Play Begins Tuesday, Oct. 21

For more information, a list of rules and a schedule of all the intramural sports, visit www.utm.edu

Graham Stadium remodel pushed back to 2015

Jared Peckenpaugh
Sports Editor

The renovations that were to occur to Graham Stadium after this year's football season according to the press release from September 27 have been moved to next year and will be completed before the 2016 season.

The main cause of the delay is lack of funding, according to Sports Information.

The lowest construction bid that the university received for the project was around \$7.5 million dollars, \$2.5 million over what the university was prepared to pay.

The project included a new four-story structure that would hold the visitor and officials' locker rooms,

The finished stadium will also include concession stands, media accommodations, hospitality rooms and a

complete replacement of the stadium's west side bleachers and press box.

The the stadium project was originally scheduled to be completed in time for the beginning of the 2015 Skyhawk football season, but were not done due to funding issues.

The university is still trying to go through with the original concept for the stadium, however the university is now looking into cost-saving measures.

One specific measure includes modifying and making upgrades to the current west side bleachers. This design also prevents seating reduction that the new facility would have had.

However, fundraising opportunities for the new stadium will continue and Skyhawk fans can be assured that a new or upgraded facility will be built in the near future.